

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on February 24, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)
Rep. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 514, 2/20/2017
Executive Action: HB 298, HB 514

Suicide Prevention Presentation:

00:02:27 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness Montana (NAMI Montana)

[EXHIBIT\(edh41a01\)](#)

00:02:38 Rep. Funk and Rep. Schreiner joined the meeting

00:03:16 Craig Aasved, Shodair Children's Hospital

00:04:55 Kris Bates, Shodair Children's Hospital

00:06:34 Heather Zaluski, Shodair Children's Hospital

00:07:11 Rep. Bachmeier joined the meeting

00:07:45 Natasha Robinson, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

[EXHIBIT\(edh41a02\)](#)

00:09:23 Laura Smith, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(edh41a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh41a04\)](#)

00:12:14 Karl Rosston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:13:19 Susie Hedalen, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

[EXHIBIT\(edh41a05\)](#)

00:14:21 Tracy Moseman, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:16:04 Holly Mook, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:16:38 Ron Whitmoyer, East Helena Public Schools

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:07 Rep. Beard

00:19:03 Laura Smith, DPHHS

00:19:54 Rep. Beard

00:21:35 Susie Hedalen, OPI

00:22:13 Rep. Essmann

00:30:01 Karl Rosston, DPHHS

[EXHIBIT\(edh41a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh41a07\)](#)

00:30:25 Rep. Greef

00:31:42 Karl Rosston, DPHHS

00:34:05 Rep. Funk

00:34:48 Karl Rosston, DPHHS

00:36:08 Rep. Funk

00:37:05 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana

00:39:09 Rep. Bachmeier

00:42:13 Karl Rosston, DPHHS

00:42:20 Rep. Vinton

00:43:12 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana

00:45:20 Chair Berglee

00:46:40 Kris Bates, Shodair Children's Hospital

00:49:01 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana

00:51:11 Rep. Curtis

00:52:47 Ron Whitmoyer, East Helena Public Schools

00:53:10 Rep. Curtis

00:54:50 Susie Hedalen, OPI
00:55:10 Tracy Moesman, OPI
00:56:13 Rep. Curtis
00:56:24 Tracy Moesman, OPI
00:57:00 Rep. Essmann
01:00:45 Karl Rosston, DPHHS
01:02:15 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana

01:04:17 Recessed
01:12:11 Reconvened with Rep. Vinton Excused

HEARING ON HB 514

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:13:50 Rep. Bridget Smith (D), HD 31, opened the hearing on HB 514, Rename school commemoration of Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day.

[EXHIBIT\(edh41a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh41a09\)](#)

01:14:10 Rep. B. Bennett joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

01:20:04 Jason Smith, Governor's Office
01:21:40 Rep. Peppers
01:22:03 Avery Old Coyote, Self
01:23:56 Teresa Welsh, Self
01:26:41 Richard DeCelles, Fort Peck Community Collage
01:29:54 Whitney Bodle, Fort Peck Community Collage
01:31:53 Linda Gryczan, Self
01:32:40 Matt Herman, Self
01:33:53 Alissa Snow, Self
01:34:43 Marena Mahto, Self
01:37:12 Camaleigh Old Coyote, Self
01:37:56 Daton Littlebird, Self
01:38:54 Vering Soilder, Self
01:39:39 Sarah Wagner, My Brothers, My Sisters
01:41:18 Ruth-Ann Swaney, Self
01:43:00 Meg Singer, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU of MT)
01:43:41 Addie Slinger, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh41a10\)](#)

01:43:59 Hannah Dartnan, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh41a11\)](#)

01:44:17 Leanna Markovics, Self

01:44:38 Emma Dole, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh41a12\)](#)

01:44:51 Crystal Aligria, The Extreme History Project

01:47:45 Elisabeth Olsen, Self

EXHIBIT(edh41a13)

01:48:07 Brended Wilkerson, Self
01:48:29 Alex Newby, Self
01:50:48 Matthew Barnes, Self
01:52:14 Ella Smith, Northern Plains Research Council
01:52:56 Grace Fischer, Self
01:53:24 Gretta Wellenstein, Self
01:53:51 Bridget Downey, Self
01:54:23 Jordan Thompson, Salish and Kootenai Tribes
01:54:58 Hillary-Anne Crosby, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
01:55:31 Bill Gooled, Self
01:57:52 Marsha Small, Indigenous Peoples Coalition

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:59:16 Rep. Beard
02:00:12 Crystal Aligria, The Extreme History Project

Closing by Sponsor:

02:00:59 Rep. B. Smith

02:03:06 Recessed
02:29:48 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 298

02:30:02 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 298 DO PASS.**

02:31:17 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 298 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(edh41a14)**EXHIBIT(edh41a15)****Discussion:**

02:31:27 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:31:55 Rep. Greef
02:33:18 Rep. Essmann
02:34:29 Rep. Funk
02:35:01 Rep. Greef

02:35:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

02:36:16 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 298 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 514

02:37:31 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 514 DO PASS.**

02:37:41 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 514 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED BY STRIKING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY AND INSERTING MONTANA HERITAGE DAY.**

Discussion:

02:38:05 Rep. Essmann
02:39:57 Rep. Staffanson
02:40:18 Rep. Funk
02:41:02 Rep. Beard
02:42:19 Rep. Greef
02:42:47 Rep. B. Bennett
02:43:42 Rep. Webber
02:45:21 Rep. Price
02:46:29 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
02:47:03 Rep. Webber
02:48:42 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
02:49:24 Rep. Webber
02:50:20 Rep. Bachmeier
02:51:40 Rep. Curtis
02:52:26 Rep. Webber
02:52:35 Rep. Essmann

02:53:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Curtis and Rep. Schreiner voting no. Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

02:54:16 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 514 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:54:28 Rep. Schreiner

02:54:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 178

02:55:54 **Motion:** Rep. Price moved that **HB 178 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

Discussion:

02:57:00 Rep. Price
03:00:52 Rep. Essmann
03:01:27 Rep. Bachmeier
03:03:21 Rep. Curtis
03:03:40 Rep. Schreiner

03:04:10 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Price, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voting aye. Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Vinton were excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:05:28

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh41aad.pdf](#))